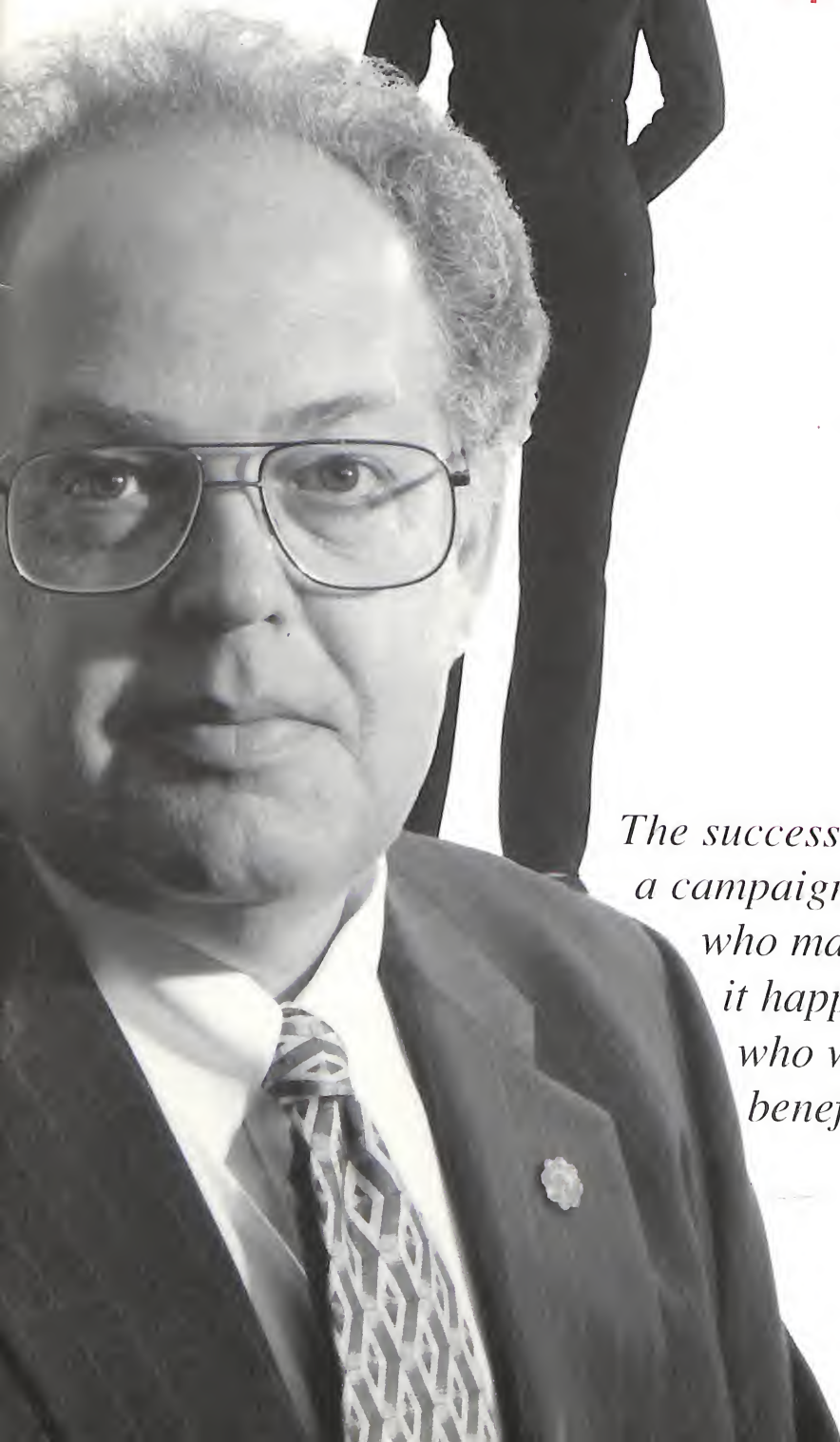


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*The success of
a campaign:
who made
it happen,
who will
benefit*



Bob Carey could make his living by showing off his photography, but he prefers teaching. "Work done for the sake of winning awards is work done for all the wrong reasons."

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*When this campaign
began we told people it
would change the way
the world views
Gardner-Webb. It has.*

— Dr. Chris White





DREAMING, DARING, DOING... DONE!

University Officially Declares \$30 Million Campaign A Success

No more than a couple of years ago you were told, "In five years, we will have raised \$20 million."

Even some of the most faithful of friends and alumni snickered at the thought. One observer even casually remarked, "I hope Gardner-Webb has friends far and wide, because there isn't \$20 million in Cleveland County."

Nevertheless, the newly formed campaign office trudged forward. "The effort has been so successful, we are raising the goal to \$30 million," trustees and senior staff officials declared happily as the support grew and grew.

The snickers and chuckling turned to raised eyebrows. Did they say \$30 million? You bet they did. And they were dead serious about it, too. More scholarships were needed, better facilities had to be put on the drawing board, and technology no longer needed to be something GWU heard about ... it was something that GWU needed to brag about. It was called "Dreaming, Daring, Doing ... The Campaign for Gardner-Webb University." And it was declared a success this month – one year earlier than expected.

"What matters," said President Chris White, "is that people cared enough to give. It's rather remarkable to think that in some way, shape or form, Gardner-Webb received \$30 million. And what's even more remarkable is how each gift had its own story."

• Consider the recent \$1 million gift made by Ralph W. Andrews, a man whose name was

• Buses that now haul the athletic teams and other campus groups around in comfort became visible, and unique, symbols to the campaign, a contribution made by a trustee.

• Three anonymous gifts arrived around the same time a few years ago totaling nearly \$3 million. The "who" wasn't as important as the "what," each of the donors said. "It may take attention away from Gardner-Webb for everyone to know who gave these gifts," a campaign coordinator explained, "so these generous people decided to remain unknown."

• Bricks inscribed with names in the Walk of Honor are now a permanent reminder of those who gave \$500 or more. Names also are assigned to seats in the new Hamrick Hall auditorium in memory or honor of people designated by the donors.

Yes, there was a story that accompanied each gift. And there were groups that gathered to hear those stories – groups that had a stake in the progress of the campaign. Who were they? We're glad you asked.

Students

Respect. That may be what the campaign accomplished most as far as many students are concerned. "They did what they said they would do," a senior said in reference to the administration and trustees. "We were all wondering how any of this fund-raising would affect us. But when we saw the apartments being built, and our

"PLAIN AND SIMPLE, WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD

hardly recognized by anyone on campus when told of his death and subsequent gift. The money would fund a scholarship for minorities attending GWU, his will stated. The gift boldly pushed the campaign toward its goal.

dorm rooms being wired to the new computer network, and heard the bell tower playing, and saw construction workers actually walking into Hamrick Hall ... that's when we started to take it all seriously. Stuff started happening – it was fun

to watch.”

A member of the University Relations division sat down with a group of seven seniors in April to ponder what had taken place through this campaign. Interestingly enough, they said, the campaign may have been more about a state of mind than millions of dollars.

“This may sound bad, but I think the campaign brought a certain amount of respect and visibility to the campus that was really needed,” said a young African-American co-ed. “Let me explain ... I know why I picked Gardner-Webb and I know why I like this school. But many times I would go home and see old friends and when I would tell them where I’m in college, they would ask me ‘Where’s Gardner-Webb?’ And that was people who lived just a few hours from the school.

“But over the last few years, I had friends and some family members showing me articles about Gardner-Webb in our hometown newspaper. A lot of those articles had to do with what was being built on campus or who was giving some big gift to the University. I was really proud that my school was getting attention like a lot of other schools.”

As soon as she finished her explanation, a young man sitting across from her piped in, saying, “Now wait a minute. You can hype all you want to about how much money you’re raising and who wants to give you a million dollars, but sooner or later somebody had to come clean and show us some results. Hey, I’m happy as the next guy that more people know where Gardner-Webb is now, but I’m even happier that in the four years I’ve been here this place looks better, and the professors are more and more impressive, and I can use the Internet to do research.

“No offense,” he said to the young lady who

listened intently to the thoughts being expressed leaned forward and said confidently, “Gardner-Webb isn’t perfect, but it impressed a lot of people by taking stock of what the school was lacking and going out and improving it. There’s still a lot to be done, but we’re heading in the right direction.”

Faculty and Staff

Faculty are seeing some very specific and direct benefits from the campaign. Dr. Sue Camp, vice chair of faculty and professor of business administration, says, “Technology has had the most significant impact on my teaching and research.” Her colleagues agree.

Dr. Alice Cullinan, chair of the department of religious studies, is one who has not been shy about taking advantage of the state-of-the-art equipment purchased with campaign dollars. And she urges her colleagues to follow her lead. Some admit, “she’s dragging us, kicking and screaming, into the age of technology.”

For example, Cullinan interviewed a prospective faculty member via the Internet. She gathered the selection committee around a computer in her office to talk with the candidate who was living and working in another country at the time.

In a 1996 newspaper article, before the technology improvements were made on campus, Cullinan was quoted as saying, “I guess I’m an information junkie. The Internet is like sitting down to a feast for someone who is a foodaholic.” She has also designed a web page that she uses in conjunction with some of her classes. “I refer students to the page for links I want them to check out. I plan to expand it once more students are online.”

WE CAME FROM GARDNER-WEBB”

RAY THOMAS

had spoken before him, “but I’m happiest about the fact that they put this money to good use.”

The two seniors exchanged smiles and agreed to disagree about what the campaign had accomplished. But one soft-voiced young lady who had

Cullinan also enjoys being able to look into the library’s card catalog from her desktop. “The wealth of information available for research is unbelievable,” she says. And Dr. Camp adds that “research capabilities will be even greater once

the library connects to the NC LIVE database this summer." That will allow for libraries across the state to share info from government and state library holdings.

Technology that features Internet connections in every office and dorm room on campus is helping faculty keep in touch with their associates and students, particularly those off-campus, through e-mail. And special equipment means it's easily accessible by the 87 disabled students enrolled at the University.

It's also helping the University recruit top-notch faculty. Jennifer Carlile, instructor in English, found her opening at GWU by surfing the net.

"The good things from the campaign just keep coming," says Camp.

Alumni

Ray Thomas, a 1975 alumnus, beams when he talks about the success of the campaign – not because of the grand total that sounds so impressive, but because of the feeling it should give to fellow alumni.

"I love traveling around the country on business," says Thomas, who runs Ray Thomas Petroleum Inc., "and having people ask me where I went to school. When I say Gardner-Webb, they now tell me they've heard of it. It wasn't that way a few years ago."

But, he says, all GWU alumni should read between the lines with this campaign and be thankful for more than name recognition. The show of support for the campaign in the Cleveland County area should tell you something, he explains. "Many, many businesses and individuals have begun realizing just what kind of impact this school has on the community. The quality of life has improved around here because of Gardner-Webb. The economic impact the school has had in this county and Boiling Springs can't be underscored enough. Gardner-Webb is helping this to be a better place to live and raise your family – and people were willing to invest in that. People have found Gardner-Webb to be worthy of support. And that should make you

feel good every time you look at that diploma on your wall."

He added, "Plain and simple, we should all be proud we came from Gardner-Webb because it's quickly becoming one of the better schools around."

Thomas was filled with excitement when he spoke those words at a luncheon on campus recently, maybe because he had just put his money where his mouth is. At the Board of Advisors meeting in April, Thomas presented a \$100,000 check to GWU to complete renovations on Hamrick Hall.

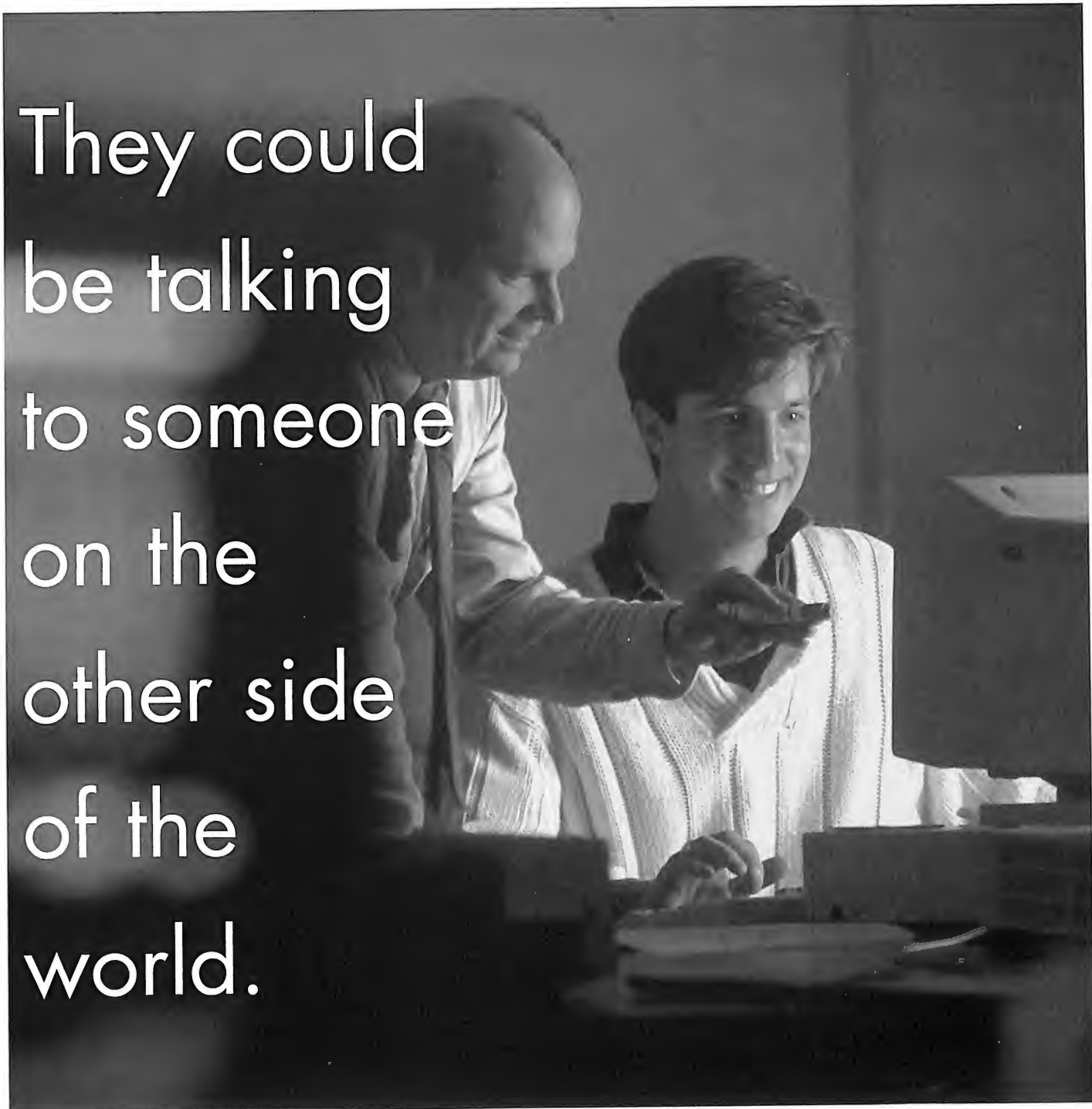
Asked why he did it, Thomas smiled and said, "Because ... Gardner-Webb has arrived."

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In many ways, we've heard that the campaign wasn't so much about money as it was about progress, and attitude, and support. For decades, Gardner-Webb was – and felt comfortable with the label as – a sleepy little rural school, never drawing much attention to itself as an above-average institution. But as the technological age swept over us, and as a more diverse and demanding population was multiplying at a record rate, the leadership at the University decided that GWU could make one of three choices: 1) stand by and watch higher education develop around us, without our input; 2) do just enough to keep up with the Joneses, never taking risks and never voluntarily taking the lead in campus and scholastic improvements; or 3) have the foresight to prepare for what students will need in the next millennium, not just next year.

On-campus housing that others around the country are noticing. A network of computer technology that public and private schools in North Carolina are scrambling to equal. Scholarship offerings that are being mentioned among the nation's best. A beautiful campus that now offers more cultural and aesthetic features than ever before.

All of the above are due to the Dreaming, Daring, Doing campaign. All should make you feel very, very proud.



They could
be talking
to someone
on the
other side
of the
world.

Recently a new professor was hired after being interviewed through a merging of Internet and GWU technology ... it brought one of the brightest individuals from the mission field in the Czech Republic to the GWU campus.

Gardner-Webb has invested time and resources into what experts are calling the fastest and most advanced computer technology of any college or university in North Carolina.

A commitment to technology. A commitment to the future.

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Bob Carey walks around campus with a 35mm camera strung over his shoulder ... but not because he's an award-winning photographer who most recently covered the president and first lady for United Press International (UPI). Oh no, not at all.

Carey, in his first year as an instructor with the communications department, has challenged his photojournalism students to embrace the subject matter in such a way that they will not be seen in any area of campus without their trusty cameras. And the students said they would do this for him ... if he would join the fun and promise to carry his camera all day long, every day, just as they would.

Agreed, he said. Within the first few weeks, Carey said he had caught a few backsliders. He does, however, casually omit the fact that he himself was caught by one very proud, if not sneaky, student. "I'm just building their confidence," he deadpans before allowing a sly grin to dawn upon his bearded face.

The atmosphere Carey is creating in his classes is causing quite a stir – it seems his students can't get enough of him. Clearly his specialties are the photojournalism and Internet site design classes, judging by the commotion that takes place during registration for classes. Carey shrugs off the newfound popularity, saying simply that it's his job to teach.

But the students will tell you differently. It's one thing to be taught, they say. It's another thing to lose yourself within a class so deeply that you long for extended sessions. Consider a few examples.

Taking photographs is a very personal experience, Carey explained to his students one day. There is some-

thing about it that allows for expression, something that's therapeutic, if you will. Many scoffed at the idea – a picture is a picture, right? Not so, said Carey, and he loaded up his students for a trip to nearby North Shelby School, where mentally handicapped children are taught. Distributing a few cameras and several roles of film to the North Shelby students, Carey told his own students to stand back and watch. It was then and there that a deeper appreciation was learned for what had seemed only minutes earlier to be some lifeless equipment.

A GWU student who witnessed the scene said, "To those kids, having a camera in their hands was the greatest thing in the world. They were seizing the moment to be excited about something we were taking for granted. It was wonderful to watch."

Carey wasn't finished, however. After having the photos developed from that day, he was so impressed with the results that he presented the project on March 27 to the Southwestern Photojournalism Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. "Those North Shelby kids were proud of what they accomplished," Carey says. "I wanted to show everyone that each and every time you pick up a camera you can create a new feeling of wonder."

Putting theory into practice – that's the academic way of describing what Carey does. "Making learning fun" is how Carey describes what he tries to do on a daily basis.

Take for instance the booming business of the Internet. Learning to build web sites can be quite a feather in your hat if you're looking to enter the technology-oriented workforce just out of college. Carey's classes that teach this subject fill to capacity in a short amount

of time. But sooner or later, the basics are mastered and the thrill of creating simple pages can wane. The solution? Carey seeks to find businesses and organizations within the local community that could use the help of his burgeoning webmasters. And the students get the opportunity and responsibility they desire to make an impression on a real-life client.

The Board of Directors for the Uptown Shelby Association decided it was time to show off the features of Shelby's historic district. However, with little money budgeted and even less know-how about web sites, the Board

seemed stuck without a solution. That's where Carey's class came in. A web site that Uptown Shelby could be proud of had evolved in a few weeks time, and all for the price of letting the students have their names associated with the project.

Shrugging it off as if it was a no-brainer to

have the students work for a real client, Carey says simply, "Sooner or later you have to put what you know to use."

Carey's existence at Gardner-Webb is indicative of the University's faculty as a whole, many say, because outstanding personal achievements are most often pushed aside for a simple love of teaching. Consider that this man covered the Oklahoma City bombing, the Rwanda refugee crisis, the Olympic Games, the Dallas Cowboys and has many times photographed some of the world's top athletes for trading cards. In other words, personal glory and praise could be Carey's at every turn if he so desired it. But working for the sake of receiving awards is work that was done for all the wrong reasons, he says.

"Besides," Carey says laughingly, "I'm running late for a class and there's very little time to enter contests."

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

*Communications Instructor
Introduces Students To Real World*

STATE ORGANIZATION FINDS A LEADER ON CAMPUS

Dr. Mary Alice Seals, assistant dean of the School of Divinity and associate professor of church music at GWU, has been named moderator-elect of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina.

She was asked to serve by the Nominating Committee of the CBFNC. The official action was taken at last month's meeting of the CBFNC in Greensboro. Randall Lolley, former pastor and former president at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was elected moderator at that meeting.

"It is quite an honor for me and for GWU," said Dr. Seals. As moderator elect, Dr. Seals' work will prepare her to serve as moderator in 1999-2000. The moderator officiates at all business sessions of the CBFNC and chairs the work of the Coordinating Council, a group of elected representatives who carry on the work of the organization between general sessions.



FOCUS ON THE FACULTY

Jennifer Carlile, instructor of English, was one of 13 finalists in a Salem College contest for women writers in North Carolina. Her poem, "Fragile," was posted throughout Winston-Salem. She has written a total of six poems.

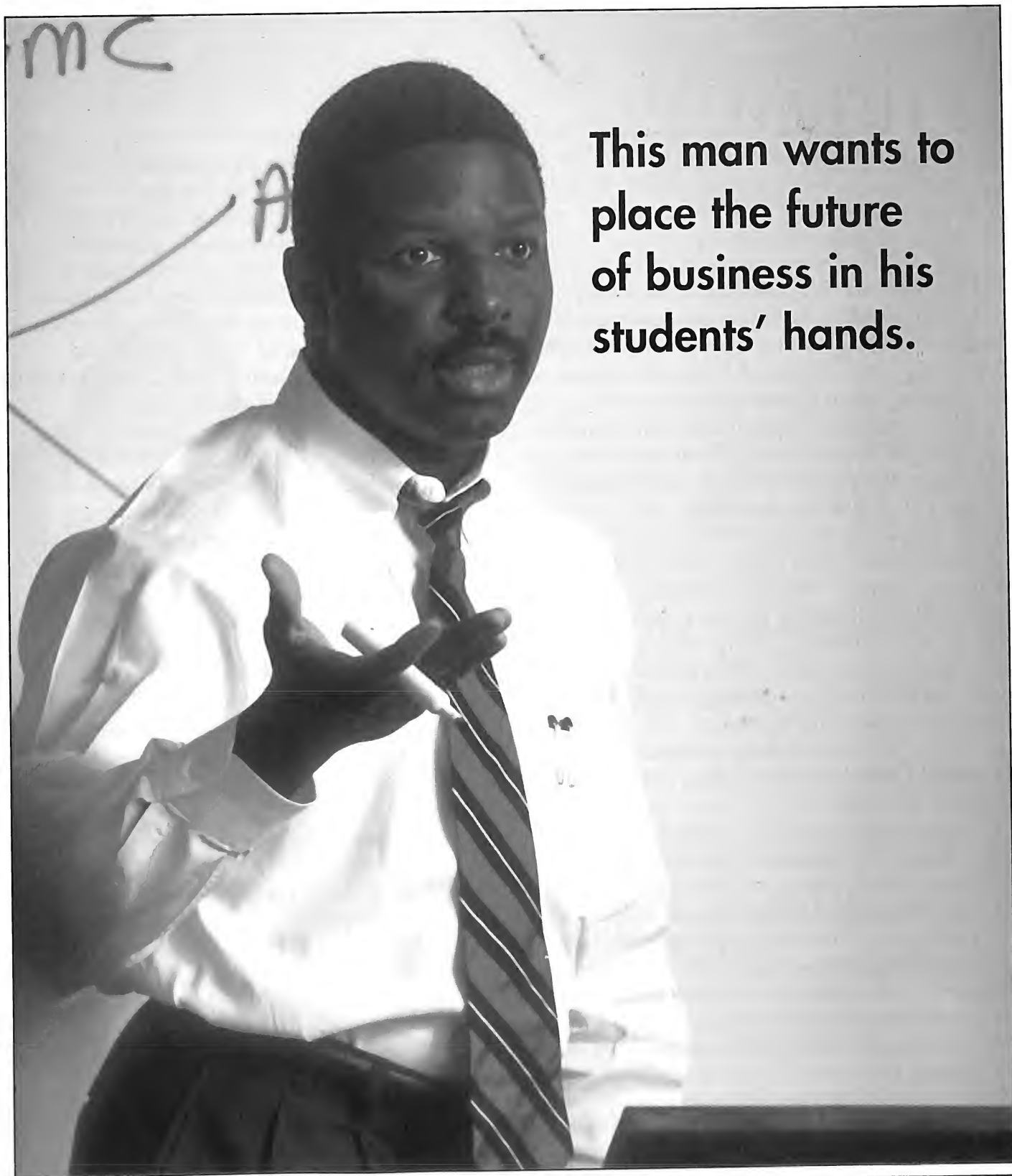
David Carscaddon recently earned his Ph.D. in psychology. Dr. Carscaddon is an assistant professor in the psychology department.

Dr. Wayne Stacy, dean of the School of Divinity, had his sermon "God on the Gallows" published in the newest volume of *The Library of Distinctive Sermons*, Volume 7. Dr. Stacy also delivered a paper on Baptism at the Baptist-Catholic Dialogue, held in Goldsboro on March 5th and sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the

Diocese of Raleigh. And, Dr. Stacy conducted a leadership conference for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in eastern North Carolina for four associations March 15-16.

Dr. Sheri Adams, associate professor for theology and church history, led a retreat at Lake Junaluska for women from First Baptist Church of Asheville, March 6-8.

Kent Blevins soon will join the GWU faculty from International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic, ending a 16-year missionary career in Europe. He becomes associate professor of religion at GWU. In a unique twist to the hiring process, Blevins was interviewed for the position by Dr. Alice Cullinan by way of the Internet.



**This man wants to
place the future
of business in his
students' hands.**

Dr. Anthony Negbenebor is a faculty member of distinction. He also is a valuable part of the Gardner-Webb School of Business, which was recently recognized nationally by U.S. News and World Report.

Dr. Negbenebor, and every faculty member at Gardner-Webb, has earned high praise for experience, professionalism, achievement and character. These special people have made GWU into a world-class university.

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FIREGUY

by Janet Jones

Trying to catch up with Gardner-Webb senior Bobby Hokett is good practice for someone wishing to hone her persistence skills. He's a very difficult person to pin down for a chat – especially if it's about himself. As I finally sit waiting for him to talk with me in the lobby of Royster dorm, I hear someone running down the main hallway and I know it's Bobby hurrying to our interview.

He runs up to me out of breath, somewhat flushed and carrying a plaque under each arm. "Sorry I kept you waiting," he replies. "My mom called and I really needed to talk with her for just a minute ..." As he explains his tardiness, I try my best to catch a glimpse of the inscriptions on the two plaques. No luck – he just keeps talking and waving his arms and I give up on trying to read the writing on the awards. I figure he'll tell me what they say if he wants me to know.

This five-foot nine-inch, blond-haired young man has a certain depth to him that captivates you from the start. His eyes shine with inquisitive brightness and excitement not unlike that of a young detective on his first assignment.

Upon first glance at Bobby, you might assume that he is just your average college student – busy keeping up with responsibilities that accompany classes and extracurricular activities. However, if you think Bobby Hokett is your average college student, think again.

The 24-year-old sociology major from Atlanta, Georgia, is certainly busy these days. In addition to his job as a patient representative at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Bobby is very active in student activities on campus. He has been leader of a FOCUS

(Fellowship of Christians United in Service) team, has preached on ministerial education days, has participated in two student-led revivals, is involved with GWU musicals and is currently president of the Resident Hall Association for his dorm.

In addition to all of these activities and responsibilities, one of Bobby's most demanding endeavors is being a volunteer fireman for Boiling Springs Fire Department. And, being a college student doesn't hinder him one bit. At times when most students are outside on the quad playing frisbee or watching television, or are sleeping soundly in their beds, Bobby is out fighting fires – saving homes and saving lives. Whether there is a call from the fire department at classtime on Tuesday or at 3 a.m. Sunday morning, Bobby is there. When other students leave campus to have fun or get their minds off of things, Bobby goes, too – but he always takes his beeper with him.

As a college student myself, I wanted to know what motivated Bobby to give of his own time and energy to sacrifice what little free time he had to help others. Why does he voluntarily do what he does?

"I have no clue!" he tells me. "I couldn't explain it. I like helping people."

"But why are you so concerned with the well-being of people you don't even know?" I asked.

"For me, I guess it goes along with everything I believe in and I guess that's the reason I do it," he says. "I used this as a sermon illustration – you know, I'm not a doctor or anything, but when there's a wreck out here on the street, I'll be there and I'll help them get packaged up and get them to a doctor. When

I see people who are hurting or in need of something – spiritual or physical – I want to help them out and get them to where they can get the help that they need.”

Bobby became interested in fire-fighting when he volunteered to help a friend chaperon

a church youth function two years ago.

One of the young ladies at the church was dating a fire

fighter and

Bobby,

with his usual inquisi-

tive manner,



struck up a conversation with him. A month later, after not being able to get the idea out of his mind, Bobby walked into Boiling Springs Fire Department and asked for an application. After a standard 90-day probation, he became a full member of the department.

That was in August of 1996. After one year of service with the department, Bobby obviously has made quite an impression, even receiving a few awards along the way. He doesn't boast of these honors, but I get the feeling he's proud of them, because the two plaques he has been clutching so tightly are finally revealed: "Rookie of the Year" and "Fire Fighter of the Year."

Taking The Lead In Politics *Senior Makes The Most Of An Opportunity*

Most young college students might feel intimidated in a room full of political enthusiasts. But don't count Brandy Faught among the faint of heart. Once a month she goes to Shelby and takes a seat in a room full of lawyers, doctors and other respected citizens from the area – and serves as their vice chair for the Shelby chapter of Young Republicans.

Brandy, a GWU senior double majoring in history and political science, learned of Young Republicans through a connection she made while interning at the North Carolina State Legislature in Raleigh last year. From January to July 1997, she worked with Rep. Julia Howard from Mocksville.

Brandy was awarded the internship after she applied through a statewide application process. Out of the 64 students who were chosen to be interviewed from hundreds of applications from across the state, Brandy was among 14 students who were selected to intern.

Armed with an interest in welfare reform, she requested to be placed with Representative Howard, whose platform is welfare reform and human services.

In Raleigh, Brandy met Tim Moore, an attorney from Shelby and chair of Young Republicans. And upon returning to GWU last fall, she happened to meet up with him again.

"He brought up Young Republicans to me and asked me if I would be interested in running for the seat of vice-chair."

Young Republicans work with local campaigns and elections by doing everything from placing signs around the community to answering phones at campaign headquarters.

Brandy's main goal with the group this year is to get more people on the GWU campus involved in voting in local elections. She hopes the student body as a whole will establish more of a political voice.

"THIS WILL BECOME A GREAT TRADITION"



A time to seal friendships and memories. That's how organizers hope a new annual event for seniors now will be described. The first-ever GWU senior pinning in March brought out 87 students preparing for graduation.

"This is a special time. It's a life point, if you will. A time or memory you will come back to during your

JUNIOR: HONORS REFLECT SCHOOL'S IMPACT

Each year at awards ceremonies across the country, a select group of students is called forward to accept one of the most prestigious awards the academic community can bestow—selection to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This exclusive honor is conferred by more than 1,400 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The list of 1998 recipients for this honor will include the names of 39 students from Gardner-Webb University who have been selected as outstanding leaders.

Selections to Who's Who are made each fall. Created to nominate the upperclassmen and graduate students eligible for the program, campus nominating committees are composed of representatives from the faculty, administration and student body.

Amanda Keen, a junior at GWU, is a proud recipient of the award. "I feel very honored because I know that the faculty and staff of Gardner-Webb nominate the student ... I'm glad my professors think as highly of me as I do of them," she said.

With this knowledge in mind, students appreciate more than just the award itself. "I know Gardner-Webb is a respected institution," Keen added. "I'm privileged that I can have this honor – not just one of a Who's Who recipient, but a Who's Who student from Gardner-Webb. To me, the school it came from means as much as the honor itself."

life,” said Drew Van Horn, v.p. of university relations and advancement, explaining the significance of the event as he spoke to seniors gathered for the ceremony.

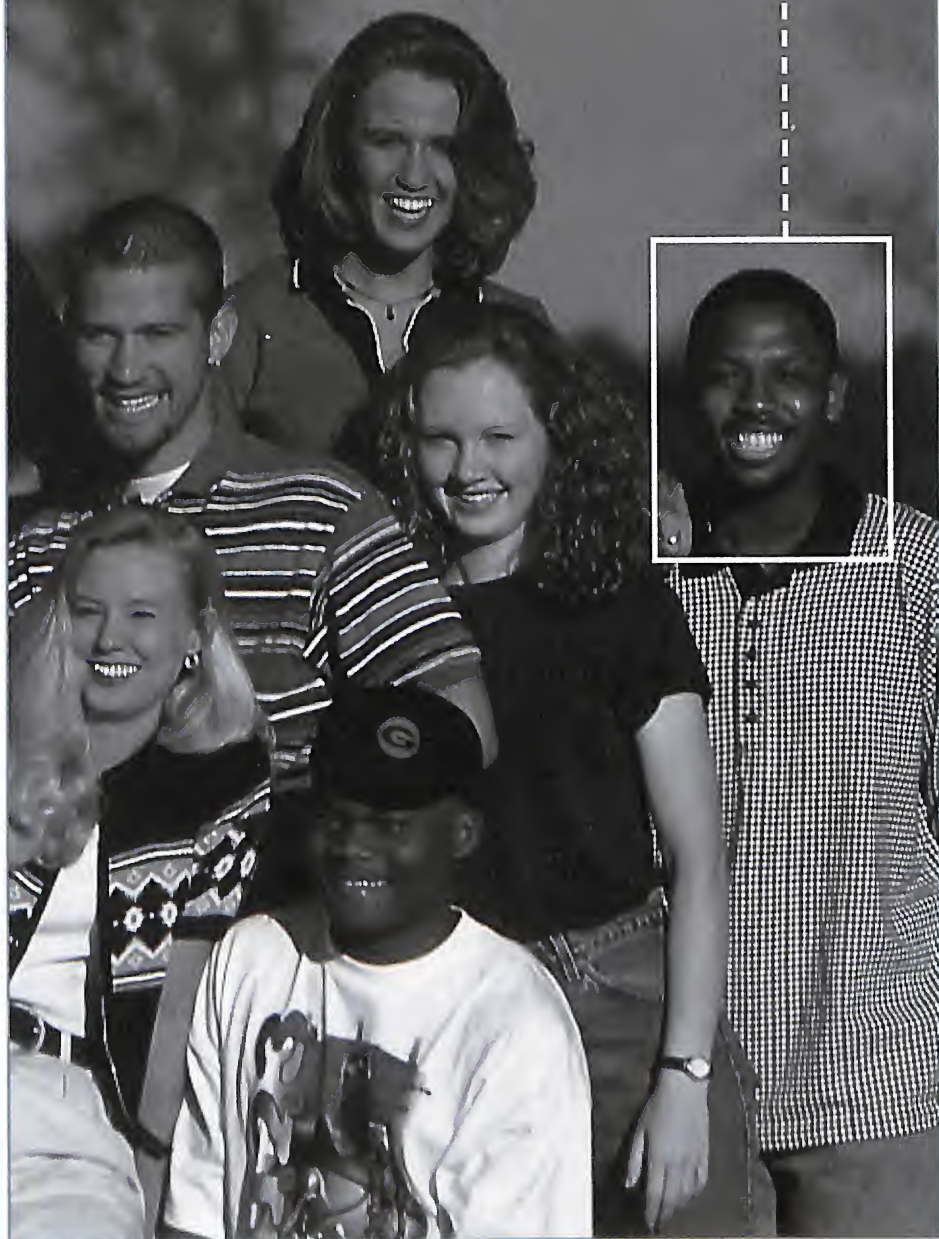
Students chose parents, professors and close friends to place their pins on them for the first time. Standing face to face with them, seniors were asked to tell those people why they were chosen for the honor.

Not anticipating the emotions they would feel, some students shed tears as they thought about the friends they’ll leave behind, the memories they will take with them, professors and parents who’ve encouraged them and the importance of what they have accomplished as students.

“We won’t forget this night,” said senior and class senator Brandy Faught.

“It gave me the opportunity to thank those who helped me through college.” Warm embraces were exchanged and tears were wiped away after pins had been fastened to symbolically seal the evening as a memory. “I hope this tradition continues for years,” said Amy Tarleton.

**Today, SGA President.
Tomorrow, Who Knows?**



Larry Durham was recently elected SGA President at Gardner-Webb. He's one of the reasons we were named a character-building institution.

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HIS LAST SHOT ... RETIREMENT



Most often, when the greatest basketball player to ever play in the Atlantic Coast Conference walks into a room, all the focus shifts to him. But on a recent warm spring evening David Thompson was satisfied with simply being a guest at a banquet honoring a very special man.

Coaching on the high school level can be one of the most rewarding jobs on earth. Despite all the long, hard hours spent on the practice floor and in the classroom, and the late night grind of the season, the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of young players and to see those players succeed is worthwhile. Not many coaches were better at this than Gardner-Webb alumnus Ed Peeler, class of '57.

Peeler, who served as the head basketball coach at nearby Crest High from 1961 to 1997 and as athletics director from 1961-present, will retire from the Cleveland County school system this year after 38 years as a teacher and coach. During his career, Peeler established himself as one of the most successful coaches in North Carolina prep basketball history with a career record of 562-361, placing him among the top 10 most successful high school basketball coaches in state history. Peeler's teams advanced to the state playoffs 18 times from 1968-1993, and won two Western North Carolina High School Athletic Association titles in 1973 and 1974.

The Shelby, N.C., native began his coaching career at Mooresboro (N.C.) High School in 1959 where he forged a 23-8 record in two seasons.

Peeler then took his coaching talents to Crest High School at Boiling Springs for the next six seasons, compiling a 107-62 mark before moving to the new Crest Senior High School in 1967.

Peeler would spend the next 30 years molding his young Chargers into winners with a successful combination of discipline, leadership, teaching and caring. Twenty-six former players went on to play basketball on the college level, and many others used the lessons learned on the hardwood to succeed in the classroom and in the workplace. NBA Hall of Famer and former College National Player of the Year David Thompson was one of over 200 former players and colleagues to show up for a roast honoring Peeler in mid-April at Crest High. Thompson credited Peeler with teaching him the finer points of the game. He added that he had played for a number of great coaches during his college and professional careers, including Norm Sloan and Lenny Wilkins, but that none had the impact on him that Coach Peeler made during his high school days.

Nearly four decades of high school basketball players were represented at the roast, and the resounding picture that each former player painted of Peeler was one of a man that was more than a coach or a teacher. To his players, Peeler was also a friend, a father figure and a role model. High school athletics is losing a true legend to retirement, but his legacy of success can be seen in each one of the players that he coached.

Top QB Brings Skills South To Bulldogs

Head football coach Steve Patton announced that one of the top quarterbacks in the Northeast will play his college football at Gardner-Webb. All-star quarterback Jeremy Martin, who was recently named Rhode Island Player of the Year by USA Today, is one of the top quarterbacks in Rhode Island high school history. The 6-foot-2, 200-pounder

finished his career at Middletown (RI) High with 4,494 yards passing and tied the state record with 43 career touchdown passes. Martin was also named the 1997 Gatorade Rhode Island Player of the Year, first-team All-State, Newport County Player of the Year, All-Academic, All-County and All-League after leading the Islanders to their second consecutive Division III State Championship. He was also rated as the #7 quarterback

prospect in the East Region (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts) by The National Recruiting Advisor. Martin, who is also an excellent student with a 3.52 grade point average, chose Gardner-Webb University over South Florida, Central Florida, Brown and

Temple. He is the 19th player to sign with the Bulldogs. Head Coach Steve Patton said with enthusiasm, "If we can continue to sign players with the level of ability of Jeremy

Martin, we will be successful for many years to come."



Mr. Basketball takes aim at GWU

Gardner-Webb University's men's basketball program addressed a major need at point guard with the school's best recruit in recent memory. Head coach Rick Scruggs announced that Brandon Davenport, Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" in 1997, will transfer to Gardner-Webb University after

spending his freshman season at Division I Morehead (Ky.) State. Davenport, a rock-solid, 5-foot-10, 180-pounder, joined a prestigious list of former Bluegrass State basketball legends as Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" following a standout senior season at Owensboro (Ky.) High in 1997. He averaged 25.5 ppg, six assists per game and

nearly four steals per game. In addition to the state's top individual honor, Davenport started at guard in the prestigious Kentucky/Indiana All-Star Game, a yearly clash between two states rich in basketball tradition. He scored 16 points to help lead the Bluegrass State stars to a convincing 108-75 win over a more her-

alded squad from Indiana.

"He showed flashes of excellence last season on the Division I level, and our fans can expect more of that this season here in Paul Porter Arena," said Head Coach Rick Scruggs.

"He is a special player and a great young man for our University to have."

SINCE WE LAST MET

Bob Inman Brings Heroes to GWU

We all need heroes in our life. "I'm not talking about celebrity heroes. I mean ordinary people with attributes we admire and can learn from." Bob Inman, author and former Charlotte TV news anchor, talked to GWU



students during a recent Dimensions program about his heroes in life.

Inman's heroes include his father-in-law, a former colleague and his best friend from high school. "My heroes are unsung to say the least but they all taught me something about life."

After a long illness, Inman's father-in-law died several years ago. "I learned that we all need brick walls or obstacles to push against. It makes us stronger."

Jim Patterson was a long-time broadcaster when Inman began work at WBTV in Charlotte. "He taught me the importance of investing in our young people."

The third hero on Inman's list is the only one still living. "Booger" Winston was his best friend in high school. "Booger believed in himself. His enormous confidence taught me that people should define themselves and not let others or circumstances do it for them."

In addition to being a novelist, Inman is a screenwriter.

Peers name White as Leader

Dr. M. Christopher White, President of Gardner-Webb University, has been elected president of the Association of Church-Related Colleges and Universities of the South for 1998.

Elected in December during the annual meeting of the Association in New Orleans in conjunction with the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Dr. White succeeds Dr. Don Newbury, chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas.

The Association of Church-Related Colleges and Universities of the South includes some 170

interdenominational institutions located in the 12 states served by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

According to White, the purpose of the Association is to promote fellowship, interchange of ideas, and discussion of issues facing church-related higher education.

GOAL Program Updates

The GOAL Program (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) has announced several key changes.

- The Burke County center in Valdese will be moving to Morganton beginning the first 1998 summer session. Classes will now be held at the Western Carolina Center in Morganton. Also, a new scholarship

GWU employees sent Mildred Poston off in style this spring by showering her with roses in honor of her retirement. She held many positions over the decades but most recently assisted the provost and v.p. for academic affairs.





Dr. Rich Berkowitz discusses back and neck injuries with Cat Chambers of the house-keeping staff during a Wellness Fair held this spring in the Dover Campus Center.

opportunity is available for GOAL students at the Burke center, made possible by the Rotary Club of Valdese.

Academic advisors have more information about the \$1000 scholarships.

• The GOAL Program is surveying opinion to determine which majors should be offered at a new site in

Anson County. As early as this fall, the program hopes to begin offering classes (criminal justice and others) at Anson Community College.

• The Polk County site closed after the spring semester because enrollment was not sufficient to continue offering classes. GOAL officials are hopeful, however, that Polk County will be a GOAL site again in the future.

Prominent Businessmen Hailed

Ray Thomas, a 1975 GWU grad and Shelby businessman, announced at the Spring meeting of the Board of Advisors that he made a \$100,000 gift to GWU on behalf of his company Ray Thomas Petroleum, Inc. The gift will assist in the renovation of Hamrick Hall, which will soon become

the home of the GWU School of Business.

Thomas currently serves as a Cleveland County commissioner.

Also in April the University held a special gathering for friends and acquaintances of the late Ralph W. Andrews, the Cleveland County native who last year left GWU in excess of \$1 million from his estate.

The funds will establish an endowment to create full-tuition scholarships for African-American males enrolled at GWU.

Andrews passed away last year in San Francisco, where he made his living in the publishing industry.

Agony of Christ Soundtrack, Video Now Available

It was announced last year that a video was being produced about Robert Wilson's series of paintings "The Agony of Christ." This year the video has become a success and the soundtrack that accompanies the video has met with equal success. It features the sounds of the GWU Concert Choir and is now available on CD and cassette. To find out more, call the GWU Bookstore at: 704-434-4273.

The GWU Cheerleaders made history this spring when they were invited to compete nationally in Daytona Beach. Although GWU didn't garner any awards, both the all-female and co-ed squads fared well against many Division I programs.



Selling the Ice

Alum Finds Corporate Niche with Pro Hockey Team

Mark Smith '91 has known what he wanted out of life for a long time. And it didn't take him long to get it. Smith, 28, is vice president of sales and marketing with the Charlotte (NC) Checkers professional hockey team.

He graduated from Gardner-Webb with a degree in business and headed south to earn his master's degree in sports management from the U.S. Sports Academy in Mobile, Ala., the only free-standing graduate school for sports in the country. Degree in hand, Smith didn't waste time getting down to business.



Smith may not have been a hockey fan before the Checkers but he was a fan and player of other sports. He played soccer and basketball in high school at Northern Christian in Charlotte. He went on to Gardner-Webb and played on the school's first soccer team. He was also the first player to compete four years and graduate. "It will be nice to see the University eventually win a championship and be able to say that I helped start that program."

It's not the only program he helped get off the ground. He was one of the first five people hired to do ticket sales when the Checkers team was founded in 1992. Just two years and three promotions later, he was supervising the entire staff.

Listing national accounts like Coca-Cola, First Union, Wendy's, Tyson Foods and Uncle Ben's, to name only a few, Smith says there are challenges to selling a minor league sport. "We have to be creative because we are competing against major league teams since the Panthers and the Hornets came to town." Smith wears a ring that displays his pride in the product he sells. In their third season, the Checkers won the ECHL (East Coast Hockey League) Championship. "It was a team effort so staff and players alike got a ring. We didn't play a game but they didn't sell a ticket either," says Smith.

His philosophy in business has served him well and is one carries over into his personal life. "You've got to treat people the way you want to be treated yourself," he insists. "I know that's biblical but it works in business too."

There are so many advantages to Smith's work that it's hard for him to think about the drawbacks. But this new father is quick to point out that his job ties up many evenings. Smith and his wife, Shelley, brought home their new son, Greyson, in October. Since then Mark has learned the value of time spent with his family. They attend Calvary Baptist Church in Charlotte and Mark takes time to maintain relationships that were formed during college. "The biggest thing I took with me from Gardner-Webb was lifelong friendships."

Smith wears a ring that displays his pride in the product he sells.

THE 50S

Lena Engstrom '50 retired after a 47-year career in teaching from Chattanooga State Technical College. The Chattanooga Free Press profiled her in a special article recently documenting Engstrom's journey from one of nine children with no indoor plumbing to teaching prominence. It was told how she earned summa cum laude honors in college and subsequently a graduate scholarship. As a teaching intern, the story says, she worked for two years as an unpaid faculty member, honing her skills as one who emphasized problem-solving skills in her students. An avid reader, poet and cook, Engstrom looks forward to retirement with her husband, Col. Dale Engstrom.

Cecil L. Ballard '58 A.A. retired as pastor of Walls Baptist Church Feb. 1997. He has served in five Baptist churches in NC over the past 35 years.

Barbara Wall Bengé '55 is now clinical nurse manager of rehabilitation at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. She received the Baptist Hospital President's Award for 1997. Her husband, Cecil, is retired and they live in King.

THE 60S

Paula Irene Jones Brake '66 is a teacher with Corporate Family Solutions and lives in Charlotte. You can e-mail her at: E-Karb@Juno.com

THE 70S

Michael Mitchell '79 B.A. is now minister of music and education at Southsides Estates Baptist Church. He and his wife, Terri, have been married 18 years and have two children, Stephen, age

12, and Lindsay, age 8. Terri is a teacher at Deermeadows Baptist Church. They live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Victor Smith '79 has been chosen one of the top 20 volume sales producers in the nation for Honda. He is sales manager at LaPointe Honda in Shelby.

Vista Jones Rainey '78 B.A. is assistant principal of East Lincoln High School. **Michael Lynn Rainey '77** is owner of Sports Memories. They live in Charlotte and you can e-mail them at: vrainey@lincoln.k12.nc.us

Donna Wease Lovelace '77 B.A. has accepted a position of Social Worker with Cleveland County in the Family Services Division. She was previously with First Baptist Church in Shelby for the past 19 years.

Lee Ramsey Clayton '75 B.S. and his wife, Donna, announce the birth of a daughter, Allison Leigh, born July 30, 1997. She has a 3-year-old sister, Natalee Nichole. Lee is owner, partner and vice president at Nixon Exterminating. The family lives in Belmont.

Ron D. Adkins '74 is senior technical analyst for Wachovia Operational Services. His wife, Sherry, is a physical therapist. They live in Winston-Salem and you can e-mail Ron at: Ron.Adkins@mcione.com

William Burgwyn Cooley '73 B.A. has been promoted to Agency Manager with the NC Farm Bureau on Jan. 1, 1998. William has also been the mayor of Jackson for the past five years, and on the town board for the past 20 years.

Rebecca Henley Hamilton '73 has been named assistant librarian at Gordon College in Barnesville, Ga. **Max Hamilton '74** is completing his 14th year as

GWU Alumni Directory Coming Soon

All Gardner-Webb alumni will soon be receiving an important questionnaire in the mail. This questionnaire is being sent to give every alumnus the opportunity to be accurately listed in the upcoming new Gardner-Webb University Alumni Directory.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to complete and return your directory questionnaire before the deadline indicated!

Once received, your information will be edited and processed by the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., for inclusion in the new directory. At a later date, and before the final composition stage of the book, you will be contacted by Harris directly to verify that your personal data is absolutely correct.

If you don't return your questionnaire, it is possible you may be inadvertently omitted or that the information about you will be incorrect. So don't take a chance ... watch for your questionnaire form and remember to return it promptly.

Harris Publishing is handling all aspects of this directory. If there are questions, comments or concerns about the information you are receiving from them, please call Debbie Sanderson, client service coordinator for Harris Publishing, at 1-800-860-9093.

minister of music at First Baptist Church in Griffin, Ga. They live in Griffin.

Larry Lawhorne '73 B.S. has been principal of Oakway Middle School in Oconee County for 8 years. The school was recognized by the S.C. Department of

Education as an exemplary writing school for 1996-97. **Joyce D. Lawhorne '74** is a registered nurse at Oconee Memorial Hospital. Larry and Joyce have been married 25 years and have three children, Shannon, age 20, Christy, age 15, and Timothy, age 10.

Nominate an Alumnus

The time has come to nominate deserving individuals for the honors of *young alumnus of the year* and *alumnus of the year*. Send your nominations to the Alumni Office, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC 28017. Or call 704.434.4255 for more information.

Dan Moore Leaves Legacy *Trustee, Alumnus Dies at 79*

Gardner-Webb joined all of Cleveland County to remember D.W. "Dan" Moore, Jr., who passed away March 31st at his home. He was 79.

Moore was a Gardner-Webb alumnus who served his alma mater as a faculty member, athletic director, administrator, basketball and baseball coach, former advisory board member and current trustee. Moore also was the first director of the GWU Broyhill Academy for the Study of Independent Concepts, which established a variety of seminars and workshops for such diverse groups as farmers, CPAs, high school students and the elderly. In addition, he and his wife, Bettye, had established notable scholarship offerings to provide assistance for needy students.

Gardner-Webb had planned to recognize Moore this spring with an honorary doctorate degree for his outstanding love and support of the institution. Upon his graduation, Moore received the distinguished male graduate award, and in 1979 was named the Alumnus of the Year. He also had served as president of the GWU alumni association.

In addition to his connection with the University, Moore also was a reputable leader in Cleveland County. As a native, Moore served the county for

over 30 years in the field of public education. From 1970-1979, he was principal of Shelby High School, a position he also held with Jefferson Elementary School and Washington Elementary School. From 1965 to 1970 he coordinated Project Head Start for all Shelby schools.



Moore also earned the respect of area residents as a farmer, businessman, former Boiling Springs mayor (two terms), member of the real estate community, and leader within Boiling Springs Baptist Church as a teacher and deacon. And as a corporal in the U.S. Air Force, he served his country in World War II.

GWU President Chris White said of Moore, "He was the kind of man that lived life with a passion – a passion to teach and a passion to serve. Gardner-Webb was so proud to have called this man an alumnus because he represented his faith, his family and his alma mater so admirably."

Bettye Moore attended graduation ceremonies on May 9th and accepted her husband's honorary doctorate degree.

Joseph M Southards '71 B.S. is serving as president-elect of the North Carolina Math Association of two-year colleges. He becomes president May 1, 1998. He is an instructor and department chair at Cleveland Community College. He is also scoutmaster of a boy scout troop and lives in Cherryville with his wife, Evelyn.

THE 80S

Laura J. Bridges '89 B.S. is currently in private practice in Rutherfordton. She is also an attorney for Rutherford County.

Gilbert L. Noetzel '88 is information systems manager for Mr. Bruce Holander. He is engaged to marry **Janice Lynn Apple '93** and lives in Boynton Beach, Fla. You can e-mail him at: Gnoetzel@ix.netcom.com

Keith Haney '88 B.A. and wife, Joy, announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Rebekah, born May 10, 1997.

Jimmy Harris '86 B.S. has been elected president of Brevard Chamber of Commerce. He is the youngest president to serve the 400-member, 75-year-old chamber. He and his wife, Carri, also celebrate the birth of their

first child, Quinn, born Aug. 29, 1997.

Bob Hammond '86 B.S. and Wendy Mosal were married Jan. 3, 1998 at 1st Presbyterian Church of Jackson, MS. Bob is employed by Reformed Theological Seminary. His bride is employed there also.

Selina Robinson Pate '85 B.S. has been called as minister of education at East Belmont Baptist Church in August 1997. Selina has two children, Kelsey and Hannah.

Cheryle Butler Cain '85 B.S. and Michael Cain announce the

birth of a son, Ryan Daniel, born August 17, 1997. He has a 4-year-old sister, Sarah Lauren. Cheryle is self-employed. Michael is an engineer with Ingersoll Rand. The family lives in Huntersville, N.C.

Martha Sue Hall '85 B.S. has been on the County Commissioner Board since Dec. 5, 1994. She is currently employed as Court Improvement Project Director for the 20th Judicial District Juvenile Court.

Jerry L. Cloninger '84 B.A. is pastor of Westmoreland Baptist Church in Charlotte. He is completing a doctorate at Emory

University in Atlanta. His wife, DeAnna, is an elementary school teacher. They live in Belmont.

Deborah Seagroves Robson '84 B.S. and husband Tim Robson announce the birth of their new baby girl, Micaela Jeanette, born Aug. 28, 1997. Micaela has an older brother Isaac Edward, who is 2 years old.

Donna Christenbury Moody '82 B.S. and husband David announce the birth of their second child, Allison Correna, born on Jan. 15, 1998. Allison has a big sister, Karsen, who is 3 yrs. old.

Martha Hovis Bumgardner '82 and her husband Larry announce the birth of a son, Russell Watts, born on April 1, 1997. He has an older sister,

Bailey, who is 5 years old.

John Duncan Owens '81 has been given life membership in the Charlotte Jaycess. He is employed as tax collector with Mecklenburg County.

Brain E. Biggers '81 B.A. has assumed the pastoral leadership of Cathedral Baptist Church in Wadesboro. Brian and his wife, Kay, and three children Whitney, Emily, and Caleb. He began on Dec. 14, 1997.

THE 90S

Mark Glenn Arrowood '97 and **Christy Lynn Clayton '97** were married September 20, 1997, in Roxboro, N.C. He is warranty

manager with Pulte Homes Corporation. She is a customer service representative with Regent Lighting Corporation. They live in Greensboro.

Sabrina Yvonne Hoffman '97 B.A. and Randall Eric Chewning were married Nov. 29, 1997, at First Baptist Church. Sabrina is employed by Cherry Beckaert and Holland. Randall is employed by Owens-Brockway. They will live in Gastonia.

Roxanne Costner Powell '97 B.S. and Rick Powell were married Sept. 20, 1997. She is a social worker with the Burke County Department of Social Services. He is CNC programmer with ToolCraft Inc. They live in Valdese.

Bernard Ragins '97 B.S. was accepted to The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. He was enrolled in the Actor Training Program in February.

Sam Benjamin Dawson '96 B.S. and Jaime Adele Henderson were married Jan. 17, 1998, at Clifton Second Baptist Church. Sam is employed with Advantica, and the bride is employed with the School of District of Greenville County. They will live in Spartanburg.

Andrea Michelle Dockery '96 B.A. and Joseph William Johnson were married on Sept. 13, 1997, at St. Stephens Church in Hickory. Andrea is employed at Bandys High School in Catawba and Joseph is a coach at

Alumni Office Gets New Leadership *Varley Replaces Sharpe*

Gardner-Webb announced a new director of alumni and parent relations, along with the creation of an assistant director of alumni relations position.

Laurie Bass Varley, a 1993 Gardner-Webb graduate, began her duties as director of alumni and parent relations on May 1. She replaced Mickey Sharpe, who leaves the university for a position in Charlotte. Varley, a former annual fund director at Chowan College, returned to Gardner-Webb in 1997 as director of the annual giving program.

Varley will lend her time to strengthening relationships between alumni and their alma mater, creating more opportunities for alumni to participate in University activities and gather together. GWU has approximately 15,000 alumni that the University would like to become more involved in the life of the institution.

"Being a Gardner-Webb alumnus myself, I know how much pride is taken in the mission and character and reputation of the University," said Varley. "My desire is to give encouragement to my fellow alumni and show them ways the University and the alumni can mutually benefit each other through fellowship and support."

Drew Van Horn, vice president for university relations and advancement, described the staff positions in this office as "crucial" to the University's success.

"Alumni are the driving forces of any university," Van Horn said. "Opportunities to involve them and serve them must be created and maintained on a daily basis. Through newly formed chapter meetings and special events, Laurie and her staff will seek to make our bond stronger with our alumni."

Also announced was the appointment of **Heather Lookadoo**, a 1998 GWU graduate, to the newly created position of assistant director of alumni relations. Lookadoo will oversee many of the day-to-day operations of the alumni office as well as the coordination of special events and activities. She begins her position on June 1.

Jacob's Fork Middle School in Mountain View. They will live in Conover.

Erin Amelung '96 B.S. recently passed the National Funeral Service licensing exam. She received her associate in funeral science degree from Lynn University and is working as a funeral director at Scobee Ireland Potter Funeral Home in Delray Beach, Fla.

Rachel Armstrong Wright '96 B.A. and husband, Eric, announce the birth of a daughter, Dana Nichole, born Aug. 28, 1997. This is their first child.

William Parks '96 B.S. was hired as an operations manager for the Sherwin-Williams Co. in October of 1997.

Jeffrey Kyle Dean '95 B.A. is now a media analyst/buyer with The Newspaper Network. He coordinates grand opening advertising campaigns for Lowe's Home Improvement. He lives in Greenville, S.C.

Jennifer Turner Shuford '94 B.A. and Scott Eric Shuford announce the birth of a son, Joshua Bryant, born May 8, 1997. Jennifer is accounting

specialist/systems manager with Piedmont Council, BSA. Scott is a printer with Shelby Printing. They live in Kings Mtn., N.C.

Carolyn Yvonne Whiteside '94 B.S. and John Hood Plant, Jr. were married on November 8, 1997 at Dover Chapel. Carolyn is currently a teacher at Boiling Springs Elem. School.

Noel T. Manning '94 B.A. was recently honored with The Communicator Award for the feature length documentary—"Earl Owensby, The Man...The Myth". Manning was one of the

2912 entries from 47 states and six countries in the 1997 video competition.

Julieann Kafer Dix '93 B.A. and her husband, Toby, announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Rebekah, born November 7, 1997. Julieann is a housewife. Toby is associate pastor of Morgan Memorial Baptist Church. They live in Greenville, S.C.

Dorothy Elizabeth Jenkins Hicks '93 has retired after 26 years of teaching with Shelby City Schools.

"A Dream Come True"

Alum Finds his Ministry in Publishing

At 32 years of age **Scott Henson '88** feels fortunate to be at the helm of a company that distributes 1.5 million magazines a year worldwide. Founder, president and chief executive officer of VoxCorp Inc. in Nashville, Tenn., Henson doesn't put his success ahead of his mission.

"This is a ministry and not just a business accomplishment. I'm proud of that, but it's not why we do what we do."

After graduating from Gardner-Webb with a bachelor's degree in religion, Henson worked in churches as minister of youth and children, and minister of Christian education and outreach. He did mission work in Hong Kong and helped found a church in Gaston County. Henson went on to earn his MBA from Duke University and to work in international marketing. After only 1½ years of work with Thomas Nelson Publishers, the largest Christian media company in the world, Henson was presented with the opportunity to purchase the magazine publishing division of the company.

Since then Voxcorp Inc. has gone from three magazines and seven employees to four magazines and 17 employees. And Henson isn't stopping there. "Again, my heart is in the ministry."

The new magazine, Echo, targets young adult discipleship and mission mobilization. It is sponsored by twenty mission organizations. And the company will promote missions even further with a new program that has Henson particularly excited. The Get In Program is a marketing campaign for missions that will use the Internet, magazines and other media to raise awareness and provide resources.

VoxCorp's original magazines, Release and 7Ball (Christian music publications) are geared toward the younger Christian and have been expanded to include free Christian music collectors CDs. Profile is a magazine that features products available in Christian bookstores. The newest addition to the company, Echo, has taken off with a circulation of 100,000 that rivals the company's largest magazine, Release, which is purchased by 110,000 readers.

"This is absolutely a dream come true. It's amazing when you can do what you really love," Henson says of being able to blend Christianity and business.

In his work Henson has had the opportunity to meet Christian recording artists and authors who Henson says "had a profound effect on me as a younger man who listened to Christian music." Another one of Henson's long-range goals is to help the company grow to a point where it can continue without him so that he can start a foundation that would support world missions.

HOMECOMING 1998

October 2-3

Events Include:

Friday, October 2:

- T-GATE (The Great Alumni Tent Event) in Lindsay Court beginning at 7:30 p.m. (Food, Fellowship, Dancing, Entertainment, Reunions, etc.)
- Homecoming Soccer Tournament

Saturday, October 3:

- Registration and campus tours beginning at the newly renovated Hamrick Hall at 10:00 a.m.
- Homecoming Picnic activities begin at 11:00 a.m. by the Williams Observatory; lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- Homecoming Parade begins at 12:30 p.m.
- Football game at 1:30 - GWU vs. Wingate
- Homecoming Tournament Finals at Noon

Reunion Groups:

- Class of 1973 - 25th reunion
- Class of 1988 - 10th reunion
- Class of 1967 and 1968 Nurses' Reunion
- Gardner-Webb Choirs Reunion

Jamie Beth Brady Hobson '93 B.S. and her husband, Tony, announce the birth of their second child, Paige, born Nov. 3, 1997. She has a sister, Suzanne. Jamie is a homemaker. Tony is employed with Tenneco Packaging. The family lives in Savannah, Tenn.

H. Scott Coleman '93 and Martha Schmitt were married Feb. 7, 1998 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Scott teaches physical education at King George Elementary School and his bride is a teacher in Fredericksburg.

Randy Ray Riffle '93 B.S. and **Jeanne P. Riffle '93** announce the birth of a third child. Brayden Riley was born Jan. 14, 1998.

Gina Melton Harrill '93 A.D.N. and her husband announce the birth of a daughter Sydney Victoria, born Jan. 27, 1998.

James Parker Byrd '92 is minister of music at Elysian Fields Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, an inner-city church near the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, Carol Frazee Byrd, is acquisitions librarian at the John T. Christian Library. E-mail

James at: circ@nobts.edu.

Brian Miller '92 B.A. and his wife, Holly, announce the birth of a son, Brenton Grant, born Sept. 27, 1997. Brian is minister to youth and young adults at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church. Holly is an optician with Dr. Bizer's Valuvision. They live in Danville, Kentucky.

Angela D. Robinson Raby '92 B.S. and husband, Doug, announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Dylan, born Dec. 9, 1997.

Mark Smith '91 B.S. is now vice president of sales and marketing for the Charlotte Checkers Hockey Team. His wife, Shelley, is a homemaker.

Noel K. Moore '90 GOAL is office manager of Raleigh Gastroenterology and now lives in Raleigh. You can e-mail Noel at: DandMltd@aol.com

Paige Mauney Cooke '90 B.S. and her husband Tony announce the birth of a son, Michael Hunter, on Dec. 30, 1997.

DEATHS

Evelyn Prince '26 passed away Dec. 23, 1997, at Journey's Residential Care in Statesville.

Catherine Horton White '27 passed away Dec. 10, 1997 at her home in South Carolina.

Miss H. Frances McCardwell '30 passed away Oct. 10, 1997 at Crawley Memorial.

Helen Virginia Hamrick '35 died Jan. 12, 1998, at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center in Shelby.

Mr. Rae E. Barnes '47 passed away Feb. 19, 1998.

Irvin Bryan Willis '49 passed away Jan. 10, 1998, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

Jessie Bean '49 passed away Dec. 27, 1997, at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Irvin Willis '49 passed away Jan. 10, 1998, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

Barbara Ann Wilson '48 passed away Feb. 24 in Maiden, NC.

Mrs. Ruby K. Digh Seitz '50 passed away Feb. 24 in Morganton, NC.

Rufus Allen Sneed '50 passed away Feb. 24 in Jonesville, NC.

Amos Kiser Jr. '52 passed away Jan. 31 at NC Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Joe Richards '55 passed away Oct. 5, 1997, at his home in Forest City.

M.A. Fortenbury Jr. '57 passed away Feb. 13 at his home in Fallston.

Carl C. Neal '59 passed away Feb. 24 in West Columbia, SC.

Verl K. Burns Mathis '60 passed away Feb. 23 in Spindale.

Dorothy Ramsey '67 passed away Jan. 23 at Peachtree Center.

Hugh Beam '67 died Jan. 1 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

Bruce Allen Walker '69 passed away Feb. 24 in Morganton, NC.

Inez Connor '71 died Jan. 1 at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia.

Carolyn P. Daniels '83 passed away Oct. 3, 1997 at her home in Morganton.

ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is an effort to provide services and amenities to students that may not be covered by tuition. Unrestricted dollars are in high demand simply because they can flexible enough to be used where they are most needed. Every person in the Gardner-Webb community benefits from an unrestricted gift.



"Giving back to Gardner-Webb of our material means through the Annual Fund has been our tradition for many years. It seems so fair to do this because GWU has given so much to us over the years, beginning with that first year when we were "raw" freshmen. Dedicated faculty and staff were patient with us and really cared as they instilled within us values for a lifetime. Now GWU needs us, as alumni, to help with our gifts, small and large, as other students come in growing numbers – many with needs just like we had. Participating in the Annual Fund is a great way to show that we care. Please join us."

Bob and Carolyn Pettyjohn
Class of '52 and '53

PARENTS FUND

Each year needs arise that directly impact students but are not covered by tuition and fees. The Parents Fund provides monies for the support of programs such as career counseling and services for students with disabilities. A Parents Council works closely with the Gardner-Webb administration to identify needs that affect the quality of the students' experience.



"We are excited to participate in the Gardner-Webb University Parents Fund. We think the Parents Fund is important because of the additional services it helps to provide the students at the university. Services such as career counseling and services for students with disabilities are important facets of university life. Without the Parents Fund, these services might not be possible. Our son, Larry Jr., sincerely believes that Gardner-Webb is the college that fits his needs, be they academic, social or extracurricular. Certainly, this is added motivation to give to such a worthwhile cause. We would encourage any parent who believes in the mission of GWU to participate in the Parents Fund."

Larry and Madeleine Durham

REUNION FUND

It has become a tradition at Gardner-Webb for class members to establish an endowed scholarship in the name of the class. During your reunion year, all solicitations from the University will be directed toward the scholarship fund for your class rather than the Annual Fund or other giving organizations at Gardner-Webb. If your class has not established such a fund, we encourage you to do so. The beneficiaries of these scholarships are students who have now assumed the roles your class once filled on the Gardner-Webb campus. What a wonderful way to make a difference in the lives of students ... students who one day will be your fellow alumni.

ALUMNI NEWS NOTES

CLASS OF: _____ Degree Earned: (Example - BS, MA, etc.) _____ GOAL Graduate _____

NAME: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

If female, include maiden name

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

If alumnus, please include graduation year

ADDRESS: _____

Street or box

City

State

Zip

OCCUPATION: _____ COMPANY: _____

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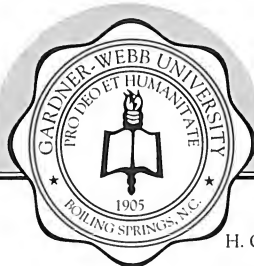
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